

Urban District of Aldridge-Brownhills



Annual Report

of the

Health Department

for the year 1969

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URBAN DISTRICT OF ALDRIDGE-BROWNHILLS

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AMBULANCE DRIVER

Mr. G. D. Bowen

To the Aldridge - Brownhills Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour of presenting to you the Annual Report for 1969.

At the end of the second year of delegation it would be true to say that we have made progress in our attempt to improve the work of the Department. The aim - a unified Health and Welfare Department - will, in view of pending legislation, probably not materialize. County Boroughs and Delegated Authorities in which one Chief Officer has charge of all Health and Social Services, i.e. in which a true Family Service already exists might, with advantage, have been exempted from the requirements of the Social Services Act.

Health Visitors stand to lose much from the proposed re-arrangement. They have access to the family at a very early stage and, through their work with mother and baby, become familiar with most problems of the family. They are, in my opinion, general medico-social workers par excellence, able to deal with most of the routine social work. The Social Worker is a specialist worker whose case work should be confined to cases fraught with difficulties where there is an intricate social problem. If Health Visitors lose their social role this will result in double or even multiple visiting of each family. Over-detailed casework in the routine case is as superfluous and wasteful as over attention would be by a G.P. to an average patient in his surgery.

A welcome development during this year was the onset of attachment schemes of all classes of nursing staff to G.P.'s. At the time of writing only two wards, i.e. Pheasey and Streetly, are without attachment schemes, chiefly because these areas are served by individual practitioners who are either difficult to absorb, or are not interested in attachment. The nursing staff are generally full of praise for the new development, which has greatly increased contacts between both sides to mutual advantage. The case load has increased, but this is not resented. An increase in mileage and travelling time has so far not been dramatic.

A glance at the statistics of visits to elderly persons over 65 makes it obvious that they get full attention from District Nurses. The situation is not quite satisfactory with regard to visits from Health Visitors and Social Workers. This is due to lack of staff and time. Minimum action to improve the situation would require an increase of visiting staff, and also an effort to take the elderly person out of her home through such efforts as the establishment of a Day Centre. The proposed Welfare Home in Brownhills should, to some extent, ameliorate the position. The number of hospital places for the elderly chronic sick should be increased. At present this category of patients is catered for by hospitals as far apart as Lichfield, Walsall, Tamworth and Stafford. It is notoriously difficult to secure a bed for these cases. I believe it would be highly desirable to have a small hospital in the district where G.P.'s. can look after their own cases, assisted by resident and attached nursing staff.

The number of persons on the Handicapped Register increased to 375 at the end of the year (from 254 in December 1967). This applies to the general classes. Registrations for the blind and deaf show only minor fluctuations.

A Day Centre for the Blind functions fortnightly at the Social Services Centre in Walsall Wood. There are 30-40 regular clients (including a contingent from St. Margaret's Hospital) who meet for Social activities under the supervision of the Home Teacher for the Blind. Transport is provided by the Local Authority. The W.R.V.S. and St. John's Ambulance Association deserve recognition for their help in this enterprise, which affords much pleasure to all concerned.

The special vehicle for the physically handicapped has undergone successful repairs, but will require replacement sooner or later. Private collections will be supplemented by official funds. A second vehicle, intended to cater solely for the needs of the elderly, is in service at the time of writing

With regard to Family Planning, a third clinic was contemplated for Brownhills, but has failed to materialize. Instead, domiciliary visiting is under consideration.

The vital statistics of the District show no dramatic changes. Both the Live Birth Rate and Death Rate are lower than the national rates. Rather surprising is the preponderance of male infant deaths, i.e. out of the 57 deaths, 46 were male. There is no obvious explanation for this. Equally puzzling is the fact that all seven illegitimate infant deaths were male.

The causes of deaths remained the same, with Coronary disease, Chronic Bronchitis and Cancer of the lung to the fore in the male. There was no major epidemic of infectious disease. A remarkable reduction in the incidence of whooping cough is noteworthy.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

H. SHORE

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION 1

SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES AND VITAL STATISTICS

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STATISTICS

Area of Urban District	13,276 acres
Estimated Population 1969	87,530
Rateable Value at 1st April 1969	£2,673,997
Estimated net product of 1d Rate	£12,366

VITAL STATISTICS

Mothers and Infants		Aldridge-Brownhills		England and Wales
		1968	1969	1969
Live Births				
Number		1819	1627	797,542
Rate per 1,000 population (adjusted)		15.75	14.0	16.3
Illegitimate Live Births (per cent of total live births)		4.5	4.0	8.0
Still Births				
Number		21	17	10,662
Rate per 1,000 live and still births		11.0	10.0	13.0
Total live and still births		1840	1644	808,204
Infant deaths (deaths under one year)		30	22	14,397
Infant Mortality Rates :				
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births		16.0	14.0	18
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births		16.0	12.0	17
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births		nil	49	25
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under four weeks per 1,000 total live births)		11.5	11.0	12.0
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under one week per 1,000 total live births)		9.9	10.0	10.0
Peri-natal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under one week combined per 1,000 total live births and still births)		21	21	23
Deaths				
Deaths from all causes	Males	355	339	579,463
	Females	273	244	
	Total	628	583	
Death Rate per 1,000 population (adjusted)		12.17	11.0	11.9
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate			92	1.00

AREA COMPARABILITY FACTORS

Area Comparability Factors (ACF's) - used for calculating the correct birth and death rates are as follows for 1969 (births 0.75, deaths 1.64). This means a lowering of the crude birth rate and an increase of the crude death rate, and takes into account the fact that as the district develops the number of residents in the younger age groups annually increases. In other words the ACF's make an approximate allowance for the way sex and age distribution of the local population differs from that for England and Wales as a whole.

When so corrected, the birth and death rates are comparable with the crude rates for England and Wales, or with corresponding corrected rates for any other area.

In addition, the death rate ACF is now adjusted specifically to take account of any 'residential institutions' in the area.

BIRTHS

Births in this district have again fallen, compared with the previous year as they have in England and Wales

Live Births

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Legitimate	834	732	1,566
Illegitimate	27	34	61
	<u>861</u>	<u>766</u>	<u>1,627</u>

The crude live birth rate per 1,000 of the population was 18.6 and the corrected live birth rate was 14.0, the latter can be compared with the figure of 16.3 for the whole of England and Wales.

Ratio of local adjusted birth rate to national rate - 0.86

The number of illegitimate live births was 4.0 per cent of total live births.

Still Births

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	10	6	16
Illegitimate	1	-	1
	<u>11</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>17</u>

Still birth rate was 10.0 per 1,000 total live and still births (England and Wales 13.0).

It must be pointed out that our own recorded birth figure for the year is 1692 live births. A discrepancy between this and the Registrar General's estimate of 1627 births is attributed to wrong identification of areas within the West Midlands Conurbation.

DEATHS

There were 583 deaths (339 male and 244 female) during the year giving a crude death rate of 6.7 and the corrected death rate of 11.0 per 1,000 population. The crude death rate for the whole of England and Wales was 11.9

Male deaths were 53.0% of all deaths.

TOTAL DEATHS

CAUSES OF DEATH IN 1969

	Male	Female
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	2	2
Other Tuberculosis including late effects	-	1
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	1	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	10	4
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	3	13
Malignant Neoplasm, Larynx	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	31	7
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	8
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	7
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	2	-
Leukaemia	4	1
Other Malignant Neoplasms	12	17
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	1	-
Diabetes Mellitus	1	1
Other Endocrine etc., Diseases	3	-
Anaemias	2	1
Mental Disorders	1	1
Other Diseases of Nervous System etc.	4	4
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	1	4
Hypertensive Disease	12	10
Ischaemic Heart Disease	82	42
Other forms of Heart Disease	13	21
Cerebrovascular Disease	37	30
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	10	18
Influenza	3	1
Pneumonia	17	16
Bronchitis and Emphysema	32	2
Asthma	-	1
Other Diseases of the Respiratory System	2	3
Peptic Ulcer	2	2
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	2	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	3	3
Other Diseases of Digestive System	5	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	2	-
Other Diseases of Genito-Urinary System	2	3
Diseases of Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue	1	-
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	1	1
Congenital Anomalies	6	3
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour	5	1
Other causes of Perinatal Mortality	5	3
Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	-	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	7	4
All Other Accidents	8	2
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	1	-
All Other External Causes	1	-
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	339	244

CAUSES OF DEATH – CLASSIFICATION BY AGE GROUPS

CAUSE OF DEATH	MALES								FEMALES								TOTAL Male & Female
	01	1-	5-	15-	25-	45-	65-	75+	01	1-	5-	15-	25-	45-	65-	75+	
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	4
Other Tuberculosis incl. late effects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	-	-	-	-	1	5	2	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	14
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	6	3	4	16
Malignant Neoplasm, Larynx	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	-	-	-	-	-	21	8	2	-	-	-	-	1	4	1	1	38
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	3	1	8
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	-	1	-	7
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Leukaemia	-	1	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	5
Other Malignant Neoplasms	-	-	-	-	-	6	4	2	-	-	-	-	1	10	2	4	29
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Diabetes Mellitus	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
Other Endocrine etc., Diseases	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Anaemias	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
Mental Disorders	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
Other Diseases of Nervous System, etc.	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	8
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	5
Hypertensive Disease	-	-	-	-	1	2	5	4	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	7	22
Ischaemic Heart Disease	-	-	-	-	4	37	28	13	-	-	-	-	1	8	11	22	124
Other forms of Heart Disease	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	1	3	5	12	34
Cerebrovascular Disease	-	-	-	-	2	6	13	16	-	-	-	-	1	7	9	13	67
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	-	-	-	-	1	4	1	4	-	-	-	1	1	1	3	12	28
Influenza	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4
Pneumonia	1	1	1	-	1	5	3	5	1	-	-	2	-	4	1	8	33
Bronchitis and Emphysema	-	-	-	-	-	9	14	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	34
Asthma	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	5
Peptic Ulcer	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	4
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
Cirrhosis of Liver	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	6
Other Diseases of Digestive System	-	-	-	1	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	6
Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	5
Diseases of Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Congenital Anomalies	4	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	9
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	3	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	11
All Other Accidents	-	1	1	-	-	2	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	10
Suicide and Self Inflicted Injuries	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
All Other External Causes	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
TOTAL – Separate age groups	17	5	3	6	17	115	101	75	5	2	3	7	15	68	44	100	583
TOTAL – All Causes	339								244								583

INFANT DEATHS

	<u>MALES</u>			<u>FEMALES</u>		
	<u>Legitimate</u>	<u>Illegitimate</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Legitimate</u>	<u>Illegitimate</u>	<u>Total</u>
Under 1 week of age	12	2	14	3	-	3
Under 4 weeks of age	13	2	15	3	-	3
Under 1 year of age	14	3	17	5	-	5

The 18 deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age were classified under the following causes :

	<u>MALES</u>		<u>FEMALES</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Legitimate</u>	<u>Illegitimate</u>	<u>Legitimate</u>	<u>Illegitimate</u>	
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-
Congenital Malformations	4	1	-	-	5
Prematurity	3	-	2	-	5
Birth injury					
Difficult Labour	1	1	-	-	2
Disease of Respiratory System	3	-	1	-	4
Unspecified Anomalies of Circulatory System	-	-	-	-	-
Eclampsia of Pregnancy	1	-	-	-	1
Haemolytic Disease of Newborn	1	-	-	-	1

CANCER

123 deaths (64 male, 59 female) resulted from malignant neoplasms and included in these were 38 (31 male, 7 female) due to cancer of the lung and / or bronchus.

SECTION 2

PERSONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICES (DELEGATED)

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ATTACHMENT SCHEMES

Two pilot schemes in Aldridge only commenced in June. Both Doctors and nursing staff fully appreciate the benefits which attachment brings. Discussions are taking place for the extension of attachment schemes to other parts of the district.

CERVICAL CYTOLOGY

Two Cervical Cytology Clinics operate weekly in the Urban District; at the Child Health Centre, Leighswood Road, Aldridge on Tuesday morning, and at the Child Health Centre, Pier Street, Brownhills on Friday mornings.

A total of 1,003 women were examined in 1969. By the end of that year 3,194 had received examination since the service had begun. No positive cases were discovered during the year.

CHIROPODY SERVICE

Chiropody treatment is available for aged persons, the physically handicapped, expectant mothers and school children. Four part-time chiropodists are employed to carry out this work.

During the year 2,175 clinic treatments and 1,368 domiciliary treatments were given to adults. 72 physically handicapped persons and 35 school children received treatment.

At the end of the year 1,126 people had received treatment since the inception of the service in 1960.

DAY NURSERIES

Unfortunately there is no day nursery in the Urban District. The City of Birmingham is extremely helpful in allocating places at its Kingstanding Day Nursery for our priority cases. Geographical location, however, makes this practicable only for the residents of the Streetly and Pheasey areas. At the end of the year 3 children from the Urban District were attending this Birmingham Day Nursery.

FAMILY PLANNING

The Family Planning Clinics at Aldridge and Pheasey are still proving to be successful. Details of the present sessions are as follows:-

Child Health Centre	Mondays	10.00 - 11.30 a.m.
Leighswood Road		7.00 - 8.30 p.m.
Aldridge		

Child Health Centre	Tuesdays	7.15 - 8.30 p.m.
Beacon Road	Thursdays	7.00 - 8.30 p.m.
Pheasey		

The following table gives details of clients attending at the end of the year

Referred by						
Number of Patients	Patients or Friends	General Practitioners	Hospital	Local Authority	Other Sources	F. P. A. Transfers
1365	132	193	1	8	506	525

FLUORIDATION

I regret to say that no progress can be made, as one local health authority in the area of supply is not in favour. It is impossible to isolate fluoridation to a particular local authority area and, therefore, fluoridation of the public water supply cannot proceed.

HEALTH VISITING

The following table gives details of home visiting by Health Visitors during the year.

	Cases visited by Health Visitors	Number of cases
1	Children born in 1969	1645
2	Children born in 1968	1873
3	Children born in 1964-67	2765
4	Total number of children in lines 1-3	6283
5	Persons aged 65 or over	54
6	Number included in line 5 who were visited at the special request of a G.P. or hospital	48
7	Mentally disordered persons	6
8	Number included in line 7 who were visited at the special request of a G.P. or hospital	4
9	Persons, excluding Maternity cases, discharged from hospital (other than mental hospitals)	16
10	Number included in line 9 who were visited at the special request of a G.P. or hospital	14
11	Number of tuberculous households visited	46
12	Number of households visited on account of other infectious diseases	93
13	Number of tuberculous households visited by tuberculosis visitor	313
14	Other cases	310

HOME HELP SERVICE

Breakdown of Cases

	Home Help to Households for Persons				
	aged 65 or over on first visit during the year	aged under 65 on first visit during year			Total
		Chronic Sick and Tuberculous	Mentally Disordered	Maternity	
Number of cases	526	54	7	49	58
					694

General Analysis

Total net Expenditure	Average weekly hours allocated	Net expenditure per 1,000 population	Number of persons per 1,000 population who received assistance
£31,126	1,800	£322	7.9

HOME NURSING

The following tables show some general statistics relating to the Home Nursing Service.

Analysis of New Cases Nursed During the Year

Condition	Age 0-4	Age 5-15	Age 16-64	65 and over	Total
Tuberculosis	-	-	3	-	3
Other Infectious diseases	3	-	4	1	8
Diseases of the Blood	-	-	45	31	76
Diseases of the Heart	-	-	11	29	40
Cerebral Haemorrhage and Thrombosis	-	-	11	53	64
Other Circulatory Diseases	-	-	6	19	25
Respiratory Diseases other than T.B.	2	-	16	39	57
Diseases of Ear or Nose and Throat	1	-	3	-	4
Eye Conditions	-	-	3	1	4
Dental Conditions	-	-	-	-	-
Gynaecological Conditions	-	-	12	2	14
Genito-Urinary	-	-	5	3	8
Diseases of Bones, Joints and Muscles	-	1	14	30	45
Diseases of Digestive System	2	1	5	9	17
Diabetes	-	1	14	24	39
Parasitic Conditions (worms, lice etc.)	-	-	-	-	-
New Growths	-	-	34	32	66
Senility	--	-	-	54	54
Diseases of Skin and subcutaneous tissues	1	-	5	23	29
Mental and Nervous Conditions	3	-	12	11	26
Injuries	2	2	7	14	25
Burns and Scalds	3	1	5	1	6
Sepsis	7	2	-	8	22
Post Operative	9	1	68	32	110
Complication of Pregnancy or Puerperium	-	-	42	-	42
Other Conditions	4	2	16	15	37
TO TALS	34	10	346	431	821

CLASSIFICATION BY TREATMENT

General Nursing care	Dressings	Observation of Patient	Enemas	Changing of Pessaries	Washouts Douches Catheterisation	Preparation for Diagnostic Investigations	Injections of Antibiotic	Other Injections	Other Treatments
9,908	7,708	5,937	245	82	167	8	337	9,244	473

INFANT WELFARE CENTRES

Leighswood Road, Aldridge	Wednesdays and Fridays	2-4 pm
Pier Street, Brownhills	Tuesdays and Fridays	2-4 pm
High Street, Pelsall	Mondays and Thursdays	2-4 pm
Beacon Road, Pheasey	Mondays and Fridays	2-4 pm
Coalheath Lane, Shelfield.	Tuesdays only	2-4 pm
Blackwood Road, Streetly	Mondays and Thursdays	2-4 pm
Community Centre, Springfields, Rushall	Wednesdays only	2-4 pm
Social Services Centre, Beacon Way, Walsall Wood	Thursdays only	2-4 pm

Attendances during 1969

	No. of children under 1 year attending for first time	Attendance				
		1 year	1-2 years	3-5 years	Total	Average attendance per session
Aldridge	337	3,172	877	728	4,777	48.74
Brownhills	221	1,795	2,497	1,222	5,514	55.14
Pelsall	230	2,160	1,901	1,624	5,685	57.42
Pheasey	177	2,252	2,428	2,807	7,487	75.62
Shelfield	82	637	605	794	2,036	46.29
Streetly	246	1,955	1,943	1,807	5,705	55.35
Rushall	86	754	646	551	1,951	37.51
Walsall Wood	64	523	573	493	1,589	36.11
TOTAL	1,443	13,248	11,470	10,026	34,744	54.238

MENTAL HEALTH

The following table gives an indication of the work performed by the Mental Welfare Officers during the year.

Number of cases referred to Mental Welfare Officers	337
Number of cases previously known	120
Sources of referral :-	
General Practitioners	40
Hospitals	175
Police and Courts	11
Relatives	12
Ministry of Social Security	4
Education Authority	1
Health Visitor	8
Others	65
Disposals :-	
Advice to referring Agency	48
Advice to patients	8
Advice to relatives	21
Admitted to hospital	55
Observation (further visits necessary)	186
Recovered or stabilised	118
Left the area	6
Home visits by Mental Welfare Officers	1206
Visits to patients in hospital or hostel	64
Hospital admissions arranged: (a) Informally	16
(b) Under part IV of Mental Health Act	52

MIDWIFERY

The District has an establishment of 22 domiciliary midwives. At the end of 1969 16 full time midwives were in post. Supervision is exercised by Mrs Overend, the area Nursing Officer, and her Deputy, Miss Elsmore, who are also responsible for control of the District Nurses and Health Visitors.

The following table summarises the work of the domiciliary midwives during the year.

Domiciliary confinements					Number of cases delivered in hospital and other institutions but discharged and attended by domiciliary midwives before 10th day
Doctor not booked		Doctor booked		Total	
Doctor present at delivery	Doctor not present at delivery	Doctor present at delivery	Doctor not present at delivery		
—	—	60	346	406	1091

Domiciliary confinements represented 23.9% of total births

Three of the Council's midwives are approved as Teacher Midwives by the Central Midwives' Board.

At the end of the year 18 premises were registered as Day Nurseries and 32 persons as Child Minders. The Day Nurseries are in actual fact Pre-school Playgroups, registered under this legislation to ensure that the health and welfare of children are adequately safeguarded, whilst in the care of persons other than their parents.

Inspection and occasional supervision of these groups is undertaken by the Nursing Officer.

Details of groups registered are given below:-

Day Nurseries

Methodist Church Hall	Mission Hall
Anchor Meadow	Tynings Lane
Aldridge	Aldridge
Scout Group Headquarters	St Thomas's Mission Church Hall
Barnetts Lane	Watling Street
Brownhills	Brownhills
Community Centre	Methodist Church Hall
Pelsall	Romney Way
Methodist Church Hall	Pheasey Estate
Daw End Lane	Great Barr
Rushall	Blackwood Methodist Church
St John's Church Hall	Streetly
Brookland Road	The Pavilion
Walsall Wood	Blackwood Road
Holy Trinity Play Group	Streetly
Clayhanger	Physically Handicapped Centre
Brownhills	Beacon Way
Shelfield Youth Centre	Walsall Wood
Lichfield Road	Parkside Pre-school Playgroup
Shelfield	Streetly Youth Centre
The Friary Hall	Foley Road
Whetstone Lane	Streetly
Aldridge	The Pavilion
Hundred Acre Pre-school Playgroup	Anchor Meadow
Goodwood Drive	Leighswood Road
Streetly	Aldridge
The Elfin Nursery	
Portland Road	
Aldridge	

Child Minders

- Mrs. B. Heap, 26 Fordbrook Lane, Pelsall.
Mrs. M. Allen, 8 Horsley Road, Great Barr
Mrs. J. A. Grenves, 105 Tyndale Crescent, Pheney Estate.
Mrs. E. M. Busby, 11 Harborough Drive, Aldridge
Mrs. G. Clarke, 86 Howdles Lane, Brownhills.
Mrs. A. J. Cole, 285 Lichfield Road, Rushall
Mrs. I. Holt, 7 Wallcroft, Aldridge
Mrs. J. Lynex, 8 Hall Lane, Pelsall
Mrs. E. Sadler, 38 Chantry Crescent,
Mrs. P. Bache, 18 Freeth Road, Brownhills
Mrs. R. Meddings, 17 Freeth Road, Brownhills
Mrs. J. Humphries, 110 Birmingham Road, Aldridge
Mrs. M. Whitbrook, 47 Poplar Avenue, Brownhills
Mrs. S. Rich, 74 Poxon Road, Walsall Wood
Mrs. D. Leach, 59 Cherwell Drive, Brownhills
Mrs. D. Snape, 9 St Marks Road, Walsall
Mrs. M. Pearee, 8 School Avenue, Brownhills
Mrs. B. Latham, 233 Westgate, Aldridge
Mrs. Perry, 20 Lindon Close, Brownhills
Mrs. E. Godfrey, 15 Redlands Way, Streetly
Mrs. R. Buckley, 65 Raeburn Road, Great Barr
Mrs. G. Matthews, 42 Northside Drive, Streetly
Mrs. Springett, 203 Foley Road West, Streetly
Mrs. S. Wiley, The Laurels Nursery, 86 Wood Lane, Streetly
Mrs. J. Derry, 16 Middleton Road, Streetly
Mrs. I. Hollie, 86 Hednesford Road, Brownhills
Mrs. I. Tedstone, 32 Dumblederry Lane, Aldridge
Mrs Eades, 82 Stonehurst Road, Great Barr
Mrs. P. Akers, 71 Kings Road, Rushall
Mrs Rigby, 53 Broad Lane, Pelsall
Mrs. M. E. Fairfield, 67 Ogley Crescent, Brownhills
Mrs. J. Baker, 6 Anglesey Crescent, Brownhills.

NURSING COMFORTS EQUIPMENT

Nursing Comforts are issued by the St. John Ambulance Brigade and the British Red Cross Society.

Distribution Centres in the Urban District are as follows:

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY

- Miss V. M. Nicholas, 22 Thornhill Road, Streetly.
Mrs. Sanders, 42 Church Road, Pelsall.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE

- Mrs. N. Seedhouse, 50 Lindon Road, Brownhills.
Mr. A. W. Lote, Rear of Council House, Anchor Road, Aldridge.

PREMATURITY

There were 107 premature live births and 8 premature still births notified for 1969 as follows:

	<u>Live</u>	<u>Still</u>
Hospital	96	8
Domiciliary	11	-

Premature live births were 6.6% of all live births.

The progress of live premature births is shown in greater detail in the following table.

Weight at Birth	PREMATURE LIVE BIRTHS													
	Born at home or in a Nursing Home							Premature Stillbirths						
	Born in hospital							Died						
Total births	Nursed entirely at Home or in a Nursing Home							Died						
	Transferred to hospital on or before 28th day							Died						
	Total births							Died						
	Died							Died						
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	
2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	
10	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	
17	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	2	2	1	—	3	—	
24	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	
43	1	—	—	8	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
96	7	—	—	11	1	—	—	2	2	1	—	8	2	

1 — 1,000g or less, 2 — 1,001-1,500g, 3 — 1,501-2,000g, 4 — 2,001- 2,250g, 5 — 2,250-2,500g.

PREVENTION OF ILLNESS, CARE AND AFTER CARE

Details are given below of the work undertaken during 1969 by the Social Workers.

Number of patients visited at home	1186
Number of patients interviewed in the office	21
Number of patients supplied with extra nourishment	11
Number of patients supplied with bedding	1 MSS 9 Voluntary
Number of patients supplied with nursing equipment	71 BRCS 4 St. John Ambulance 88 Staffs. C. C.
Number of patients supplied with convalescence	4
Travelling expenses paid to families visiting hospital	2
Number of Old People visited	32
Number of Families supplied with furniture	2 Voluntary 1 MSS
Number of Families supplied with clothing	25 Voluntary
Number of Visits to Area health Office	255
Number of cases referred to Probation Officer	2
Number of cases referred to MSS	14
Number of cases referred to Area Welfare	1
Number of cases referred to Children's Department	3
Misc. visits to surgeries etc.	181

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

Details are given below of vaccination and immunisation carried out in the Urban District during 1969.

	<u>1969</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>62/65</u>	others under 16yrs of age	<u>TOTAL</u>
1. Diphtheria Immunisation							
(a) No. of children who received a course of primary protection, singly or in combination in 1969	105	662	250	38	49	60	1164
(b) No. of children who received reinforcing injections in 1969	54	483	522	73	1307	975	3414
2. Whooping Cough Immunisation							
(a) No. of children who received a course of primary protection singly or in combination in 1969	105	651	245	33	41	3	1078
(b) Reinforcing Injections	2	233	351	43	262	46	937
3. Tetanus Inoculation							
(a) Primary	105	662	250	38	53	69	1177
(b) Reinforcing	55	484	526	78	1322	1098	3563
4. Poliomyelitis Vaccination							
(a) Primary	111	666	181	43	67	66	1134
(b) Reinforcing	42	517	514	135	1161	1284	3653
5. Measles Vaccination	5	121	210	140	218	6	700
6. Smallpox Vaccination	<u>0 - 3 months</u>		<u>4 - 6 months</u>		<u>7 - 9 months</u>		
	2		1		1		
	<u>9 - 12 months</u>		<u>1 year</u>		<u>2 - 4 years</u>		
	33		537		316		
	<u>5 - 15 years</u>				<u>TOTAL</u>		
	223				1113		

WELFARE FOODS DISTRIBUTION

This Authority is responsible for the distribution of Welfare Foods i.e. National Dried Milk, Cod Liver Oil, Orange Juice and Vitamins A and D. All 8 Clinics distribute these foods. Sales figures for 1969 are as follows:

National Dried Milk	6,847
Cod Liver Oil	1,426
Orange Juice	28,797
Vitamins A and D	1,547

In addition, an approved range of proprietary foods are sold from these Centres. The more popular brands are all available, at very reasonable prices.

Sales during the year amounted to £4,260.

WELFARE OF THE BLIND AND PARTIALLY SIGHTED

The Council is required by the National Assistance Act, 1948, to maintain registers of the blind and partially sighted persons applying for assistance and to make adequate arrangements for their social welfare. A full-time Home Teacher for the Blind is employed by the Council and is seconded to the Walsall, West Bromwich and Aldridge-Brownhills Society for the Blind, who undertake all social work involved on an agency basis.

Number registered as Blind as at 31st December, 1969	Male	53
	Female	74
	Total	<u>127</u>

Number registered as Partially Sighted at 31st December, 1969	Male	10
	Female	18
	Total	<u>28</u>

AGE PERIODS OF REGISTERED BLIND

Age Group	Male	Female	Total
below 1	-	-	-
1	-	-	-
2	-	-	-
3	-	-	-
4	-	-	-
5 - 10	3	2	5
11 - 15	2	1	3
16 - 20	-	-	-
21 - 29	3	1	4
30 - 39	3	-	3
40 - 49	4	2	6
50 - 59	10	6	16
60 - 64	5	4	9
65 - 69	1	6	7
70 - 79	11	19	30
80 - 84	4	19	23
85 - 90	5	12	17
90 and over	2	2	4
TOTAL	53	74	127

Age Periods of Registered Partially Sighted

Age Group	Male	Female	Total
0- 1	-	-	-
2- 4	-	-	-
5-15	3	2	5
16-20	-	1	1
21-49	3	3	6
50-64	2	1	3
65 and over	2	11	13
TOTAL	10	18	28

Distribution of Local Blind Persons

Category	Male	Female	Total
Children under 5	-	-	-
Children attending School	4	-	4
Children in Sunshine Homes	-	1	1
Children ineducable	1	2	3
Employed in Open Industry	9	1	10
Employed in Workshop for Blind	5	-	5
Home Workers	1	-	1
Trainees	-	-	-
Mental Institutions and Hospitals	1	4	5
Homes for Aged	-	3	3
Voluntary Homes	-	1	1
Remainder-not employed	32	62	94
TOTAL	53	74	127

Age at onset of Blindness

Age Group	Male	Female	Total
Under 1	11	6	17
1	1	1	2
2	-	-	-
3	-	-	-
4	-	-	-
5 - 10	3	1	4
11 - 15	-	-	-
16 - 20	1	1	2
21 - 29	4	-	4
30 - 39	3	2	5
40 - 49	4	3	7
50 - 59	6	10	16
60 - 64	4	2	6
65 - 69	1	7	8
70 and over	14	40	54
Unknown	1	1	2
TOTALS	53	74	127

WELFARE OF THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

Apart from the statutory requirement of keeping a register of handicapped persons who apply for assistance, the Council is obliged to make arrangements for their social welfare as follows :

1. assist handicapped persons to overcome the effects of their disabilities and to obtain any available general, preventive or remedial treatment, medical treatment which they appear to require
2. give advice and guidance to handicapped persons on personal problems and in connection with any services which appear to be available to them and of which they wish to take advantage.
3. encourage handicapped persons to take part in the activities of social centres, clubs or institutions.
4. use their best endeavours to arrange for voluntary workers to visit handicapped persons with a view to affording them comfort and encouragement and assistance in the solution of domestic and other problems confronting them.

Social Welfare is undertaken on an agency basis by the Church Mission to the Deaf and Dumb in Walsall, Wednesbury and Mid-Staffordshire.

Numbers on the registers at 31st December, 1969, were as follows :

	Males	Females	Total
Deaf	14	13	27
Hard of Hearing	7	7	14

WELFARE OF THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

At the end of the year 1969 there were 382 physically handicapped persons on the register. The following table analyses these cases as coded by the Disabled Persons Employment Act, 1944

Code	General Classes	Male	Female	Total
A/E	Amputation	13	8	21
F	Arthritis and Rheumatism	27	103	130
G	Congenital Malformations and Deformities	8	11	19
H/L	Diseases of the Digestive and Genito-Urinary Systems; of the Heart or Circulatory System; of the Respiratory System (other than Tuberculosis) and of the skin.	42	31	73
Q/T	Injuries of the Head, Face, Neck, Thorax, Abdomen, Pelvis or Trunk. Injuries or diseases (other than Tuberculosis) of the Upper and Lower Limbs and of the Spine	33	17	50
V	Organic Nervous Diseases - Epilepsy Disseminated Sclerosis, Poliomyelitis, Hemiplegia, Sciatica, etc..	40	29	69
U/W	Neurosis, Psychoses and other Nervous Diseases and Mental Disorders not included in V.	3	3	6
X	Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	1	-	1
Y	Tuberculosis (Non-Respiratory)	3	-	3
Z	Diseases and Injuries not specified above.	3	7	10
TOTAL		173	209.	382

Age Groups – all cases on Register

Age Groups	Male	Female	Total
0 - 15	7	2	9
16 - 29	14	9	23
30 - 49	38	33	71
50 - 64	63	70	133
65 -	51	95	146
Total	173	209	382

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FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Part 1 of the Act

1 INSPECTIONS for purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Particulars	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(11) Factories not included in (1) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	286	151	9	Nil
(111) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	286	151	9	Nil

2 Cases in which DEFECTS were found:

	No. of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	REFERRED to H.M. Inspector by H.M. Inspector		
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)	33	20	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2.)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3.)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4.)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	42	32	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	3	3	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	78	55	-	-	-

PART VIII of the Act – OUTWORK

(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of work	Number of outworkers in August list required by section 133 (1) (c) (2)
Wearing Apparel - making etc.	2
Leather Goods	15
Metal Articles	5
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper	1
TOTAL	23

NO NOTICES OR PROSECUTIONS

HOUSING

(a) Much of my own time is taken up by applicants claiming medical priority for re-housing. Cases seen during the year are analysed in the following table :

Classification	Transfers		New Cases		Welfare		Total Housing Enquiries
	Recommended	Re-housed	Recommended	Re-housed	Recommended	Re-housed	
Physical	21	13	13	11	2	2	8
Tuberculosis	-	-	2	4*	-	-	-
Mental	15	15	4	7*	-	-	6
TOTAL	36	28	19	22*	2	2	71

* Recommended 1968. Re-housed 1969

(b) The number of houses erected during 1969

(a)	By Local Authority	199
(b)	By other Authority	Nil
(c)	By private enterprise	175
		374

The number of houses in course of erection at the end of 1969

(a)	By Local Authority	219
(b)	By other Authority	Nil
(c)	By private enterprise	371
		590

LABORATORY SERVICES

The Public Health Laboratory Service is at Martin Street, Stafford. (Stafford 4377) and the Chemical Laboratory is at the County Buildings, Stafford. (Stafford 3121)

MIDWIVES INCINERATOR

The gas-fired incinerator has been in continuous use, catering for some 212 placentae during the year.

Several operational difficulties were experienced during the year. The service engineer advised against repair work and arrangements have been made for replacement of the incinerator during 1970.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The two vehicles in use are manned by part-time drivers and the voluntary helpers are provided by the W.R.V.S. under the guidance of Mrs. E. Hunt, the District Organiser.

The number of meals served during 1969 was as follows :

Aldridge Area	6,933
Brownhills Area	5,686
Brownhills Luncheon Club	1,555
Pelsall Luncheon Club	1,093
Blind Centre, Walsall Wood	684

MORTUARIES

143 bodies were received into the two mortuaries, which continue to operate satisfactorily

AGE GROUP	DISEASE			
	Measles	Dysentery	Scarlet Fever	Meningitis
Under 1	10	3	1	-
1 year	19	1	7	-
2 years	28	-	7	-
3 years	22	1	16	-
4 years	16	2	13	1
5-9 years	55	9	80	-
10-14 years	-	21	14	1
15-24 years	-	7	8	1
25 years and over	2	2	1	-
TOTALS	152	46	147	3

	Infective Jaundice	Tuberculosis	Encephalitis	Food Poisoning	Whooping Cough
Under 5 years	7	-	-	3	3
5-14 years	63	-	-	1	-
15-44 years	19	7	2	5	1
45-64 years	4	4	-	1	-
65 years and over	1	1	-	1	-
TOTALS	94	12	2	11	4

TUBERCULOSIS

Numbers on the Tuberculosis Register at 31st December 1969 were as follows

Pulmonary			Non - Pulmonary		
Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
187	133	320	19	20	39
TOTAL CASES 359					

VEHICLE FOR THE HANDICAPPED AND ELDERLY

The specially equipped ambulance donated in 1966 by Aldridge Rotary Club and Round Table has continued to operate throughout the district. Most voluntary organisations for the physically handicapped and elderly make use of it on a rota basis for their regular events and outings.

The present programme is given below and clearly indicates the type and extent of service provided. The vehicle is now more or less fully booked up and we are now in the unfortunate position of having to refuse requests for additional bookings.

Needless to say, the service is greatly appreciated by all concerned.

Norman Laud Nursery	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. Thursday and Friday afternoons (All weekly)
Pelsall Handicapped	Monday afternoons weekly. Alternate Wednesday Evenings
Pheasey Over 60	Tuesday afternoons weekly.
Streetly Over 60	Wednesday afternoons weekly.
Streetly Physically Handicapped	2nd Wednesday afternoon monthly, 1st Monday evening monthly.
Brownhills Physically Handicapped	Friday afternoons fortnightly, 2nd Tuesday evening monthly.
Aldridge Over 60	Thursday afternoons weekly.
Aldridge Physically Handicapped	3rd Tuesday evening monthly
Pheasey Physically Handicapped	2nd and 4th Thursday afternoons monthly, 3rd Monday evening monthly.
Rushall Over 60	1st, 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings monthly
Day Centre for Blind	Fridays fortnightly (Transport for Norman Laud Nursery is cancelled on these days).
The Limes Home for the Aged	Occasional Trips.

WATER

The Urban District is still within the statutory area of the South Staffordshire Waterworks Company and Mr. R. H. Taylor, B.Sc. M.I.C.E., Engineer in Chief, has kindly let me have the following information in respect of 1969. ;

- 1 The supply to the Urban District of Aldridge - Brownhills has been satisfactory in quality and quantity

The supply is derived from one pumping station (Bourne Vale) within and from others outside the boundaries of the Authority. A proportion of water of surface origin is also supplied to parts of the district.

Regular and frequent samples, both bacteriological and chemical, are examined from the pumping stations. Bacteriological samples of the raw water are also examined where possible.

During 1969, 52 samples of chlorinated water from Bourne Vale Pumping Station were all free from coliform bacteria and chemical results were satisfactory. Routine samples were also examined from Barr Beacon Reservoirs, the Waterman's house in Aldridge, Municipal Buildings, Brownhills High Street, Clayhanger, and from the Waterman's house in Norton Canes.

115 samples from Barr Beacon Reservoirs, 13 samples from Aldridge, 12 samples from Brownhills, 12 samples from Clayhanger and 10 out of 11 samples from Norton Canes were all free from coliform bacteria.

- 2 Sterilisation of waters is carried out where possible at the pumping stations as a precautionary measure. Special apparatus and staff are available in the event of contamination. Chlorination on site is practised following burst mains, etc., laying of new mains and emptying reservoirs. New mains etc. are not brought into use until the water has been examined and pronounced satisfactory.

- 3 The number of dwelling houses supplied from public water mains at 31st December 1969 was 27,838. There are no dwellings supplied from outside standpipes in the area. The population is estimated at 3.11 persons per house.

- 4 The naturally occurring flouride content of the water at Aldridge was 0.10 p.p.m.

The average chemical results for 1969 of the tap samples from Aldridge, Brownhills and Norton Canes were :-

	Aldridge	Brownhills	Norton Canes
pH	7.4	7.4	7.6
	parts per million		
Alkalinity (CaCO ₃)	131	117	85
Chlorides (Cl)	28.1	31.7	18.6
Ammonical Nitrogen (N)	Trace	Trace	Trace
Albuminoid Nitrogen (N)	.004	Trace	Trace
Oxidised Nitrogen (N)	6.1	11.5	4.3
Oxygen Absorbed (3hr at 27°C)	.58	.12	12
Temporary Hardness	131	117	85
Permanent Hardness	113	139	52
Total Hardness	244	256	137
Iron (Fe)	.07	Trace	Trace
Manganese (Mn)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Lead (Pb)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Fluoride (F)	.10	-	-

The waters are not liable to plumbo- solvency, no lead being found in any of the tap samples examined

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To the Chairman and Members of Aldridge - Brownhills Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my report for the year ending December 31st, 1969.

The intensive drive upon slum clearance properties began to bring in its wake a number of Local Inquiries and this time consuming part of the process was in full evidence during the year. It is satisfactory to be able to report that in no case was the Minister advised to remove a property from a Clearance Area on the grounds of fitness.

The new Housing Act came on to the Statute Book in 1969 and the provisions for declaring Improvement Areas were amended very considerably. As a result of this a survey of the district was undertaken to ascertain the most suitable properties for inclusion in an Improvement Area. This resulted in a liaison with the Clerk, Treasurer and Engineer and Surveyor with a view to implementing the provisions of this Act. This work is proceeding into the current year.

There is no doubt that the emphasis must swing from Slum Clearance to Improvement of dwellings as the number of unfit dwellings in the district falls to its minimum. This is in line with the Ministrys views and we are fortunate that our slum clearance programme should have come to its present stage of development at this time. It has been said of course that the existing legal definitions for "homeless" are out of date and that in the very near future this word will be re-defined to take account of sub-standard housing and if this occurs then there will of course be a different interpretation to be placed upon the slum clearance lists.

The question of litter then looms as a modern curse of our society, During 1969 many complaints were received in the department concerning litter on private land or public owned land and even on roadside verges.

The expense involved in clearing these accumulations is considerable and it appears that once a site has been used it becomes widely known and is quickly re-used even after clearance has occurred.

A great deal of this problem arises from lack of a strong feeling of civic pride because although some refuse is undoubtedly brought into the district there is no doubt that much more is deposited by local residents. There is therefore a somewhat natural reluctance on the part of the people observing such a practise to come forward and give evidence. Without such evidence the Litter Act becomes ineffective. The Civic Amenities Act makes some attempt to provide powers to deal with the problem but is somewhat limited. In the end, the cost of the cleansing of much of this land has to be borne by the ratepayers and this should not be.

The special collection of bulky refuse for ratepayers begun during the year was undoubtedly successful but still it is not uncommon for out-worn domestic furniture to be dumped anywhere.

It is apparent, that the time is approaching when all waste products should be collected by the Refuse Collection teams or some other specially designated collectors so that refuse is collected at source. I realise the far reaching implications of this suggestion but am convinced that this will provide the only satisfactory solution to the problem.

Meat inspection continued at the same level as in previous years and once again 100% inspection was undertaken. The incidence of disease appears to be in the same proportion as before and I am inclined to the view that with the type of high quality food animal slaughtered in this district then a reduction below this level is somewhat unlikely.

Foods generally were the subject of a certain amount of work by the department. Complaints of food stuffs were received in the office and were investigated and where necessary legal proceedings were instituted. Unfortunately it would appear that there is very little news value in such items today since the Press Reports on them were very perfunctory. On the other hand, where proceedings were instituted against one shopkeeper under the Food Hygiene Regulations and severe fines imposed then the reports in the press were given some prominence and doubtless helped to spread the gospel of Clean Food.

Routine visits were undertaken under the provisions of the Offices Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963, and the maintenance of the statutory standards with regard to heating lighting, ventilation and cleanliness of work rooms, was undertaken without any great difficulty. The number of reported accidents was very small and it was not considered necessary to institute proceedings in respect of any of them since there was no negligence on the part of the employers.

The problems of dealing with Noise Abatement continue to be highlighted by the varied types of complaint received in the department. These complaints are never easy to resolve unless there is a gross disregard of the basic essentials of noise control. In all other cases there is a difficult situation to resolve for which, so far, the legislation we have to operate does not provide a complete solution. Because very often a comparison of sounds must be made between day time and night time it has been necessary for members of the staff to take measurements during the early hours of the morning while investigating a particular complaint. I would welcome more precise standards than the existing British Standard Code of Practice provides. The Wilson report is still the most comprehensive document produced on this problem but the legislative powers are still weak.

I have already touched on the question of litter and would proceed from that to enlarge on it the subject of house refuse collection and disposal. There were no major problems encountered during the year although there was considerable difficulty experienced by many Authorities through widespread strike of refuse collection employees. So far as this Authority was concerned this catastrophe was averted entirely due to the operation of the bonus scheme. Much discussion ensued with the men over the implementation of work study to the collection service and this exercise was got under way towards the latter part of the year and is being continued at the present time. It is impossible at this stage to forecast the likely recommendations or their effect on the service.

Nevertheless, I am indebted to the refuse collection employees for their loyalty throughout the year and in particular for their sustained efforts during the very prolonged winter period.

My thanks are due to the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Shore, for his unfailing courtesy and help during the year together with all the staff of the Health Department and also of course the other Principal Officers of the Council and the Members of the Health Committee without whose support no progress at all could be made.

Your obedient servant,

H. C. Perkins

Chief Public Health Inspector

1	<u>Inspection of dwelling houses during the year.</u>	
	(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects under Public Health Acts or Housing Acts	44
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	576
	(2) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	19
	(3) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the — preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	30
	(4) Houses on which undertakings were given and completed	nil
	Houses on which undertakings were given and have not been completed	nil
2	<u>Remedy of Defects during the year without service of formal notice</u>	
	Number of dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	28
3	<u>Action under Statutory Powers during the year</u>	
	(a) Proceedings under Sections, 9, 10 and 12 of the Housing Act 1957:	
	(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	nil
	(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:	
	(a) By owners	nil
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	nil
	(b) Proceedings under Public Health Act:	
	(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	30
	(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices	22
	(a) By owners	nil
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	nil
	(c) Proceedings under Sections 17,23 and 42 of the Housing Act 1957	
	(1) Number of houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	3
	(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	9
	(3) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Clearance Orders	31
	(4) Number of dwelling houses closed in pursuance of Closing Orders	3
	(5) Houses demolished on land acquired under Section 43(2) of the Housing Act 1957	nil
	(6) Local authority owned houses demolished for redevelopment and road widening purposes	67

SITUATION OF PROPERTIES DEALT WITH

As shown above

INDIVIDUAL DEMOLITION ORDERS REPORTED TO COMMITTEE

9 Holly Lane, Walsall Wood	(Closing Order)
12 Coppice Road, Walsall Wood	(Closing Order)
44 Castle Road, Walsall Wood	(Demolition Order, subsequently substituted by a Closing Order)
75 Brookland Road, Walsall Wood	(Closing Order)
43 Vigo Road, Walsall Wood	(Closing Order)

CLEARANCE AREAS REPORTED TO COMMITTEE

Aldridge- Brownhills (Coppice Road, Walsall Wood) Clearance Area No.57

63 & 75 Coppice Road, Walsall Wood.

Aldridge- Brownhills (Coppice Road, Walsall Wood) Clearance Area No. 58

40 & 42 Coppice Road, Walsall Wood

Aldridge- Brownhills (Chester Road, Shire Oak) Clearance Area No.59

106 & 108 Chester Road, Shire Oak, Brownhills

Aldridge- Brownhills (Gould Firm Lane, Aldridge) Clearance Area No.60

34, 36 & 38 Gould Firm Lane, Aldridge

HOUSES DEMOLISHED

CLEARANCE AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDERS

6-16 Victor Street, Heath End, Pelsall.

239 Daw End Lane, Rushall.

83-87 Hednesford Road, Brownhills

12-26 Broad Way, High Heath, Pelsall.

134 & 136 Coronation Road, High Heath, Pelsall.

51 & 53 Walsall Road, Heath End, Pelsall.

31-41 Howdles Lane, Brownhills

65-69 Walsall Road, Heath End, Pelsall

INDIVIDUAL DEMOLITION ORDERS

64 Lindon Road, Brownhills

1 Bricklin Street, Brownhills

60 Bridge Street, Clayhanger, Brownhills

43 & 45 Bridge Street, Clayhanger, Brownhills

116, 117, 118 & 119 Watling Street, Brownhills

ACQUIRED PROPERTY FOR REDEVELOPMENT OR ROAD WIDENING PURPOSES

41 Lichfield Road, Walsall Wood.

67 & 69 Lichfield Road, Walsall Wood.

119 & 121 Walsall Road, Walsall Wood

106-114 Lichfield Road, Shelfield

24-30 High Street, Walsall Wood

40-46 High Street, Walsall Wood

109, 111, 115 & 117 Lichfield Road, Rushall

131-137 Walsall Road, Walsall Wood

18 & 20 Lichfield Road, Shelfield

79 & 79A Walsall Road, Walsall Wood

"Queens Head" Public House, Watling Street, Brownhills
 6, 8 & 10 Watling Street, Brownhills
 72 Lichfield Road, Shelfield
 80, 82, 84 & 84A Lichfield Road, Walsall Wood
 Methodist Church, Paradise Lane, Pelsall
 5-21 Floyds Lane, Rushall
 Lodge Farm, Pelsall Road, Brownhills
 203-223 & 227 High Street, Brownhills
 39 & 41 Lichfield Road, Shelfield
 205 & 209 Lichfield Road, Shelfield

DETAILS OF CASES TAKEN AGAINST FOOD DEALERS

Article	Condition	Manufacturer	Retailer	Result of Case
Puff Pastry	Mouldy	Bowyers	Newmans	£15 Fine
			Superette Streetly	£18.19.9. Costs
Pork Pie	Mouldy	Marsh & Baxter	Marsh & Baxter	£15 Fine £7.7.0. Costs
Minced Beef	Foreign Bodies	Palethorpes	Palethorpes	£25 Fine No Costs

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

Food Premises	
Inspection and Supervision of:	
Number of Food Shops and Food Preparation Rooms Inspected	942
Number of Contraventions Found	630
Number of Notices Served	125
Number of Improvements	472
Number of Notices Completed	111
Inspections made re: Unsound Food	278

The Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures of Staffordshire County Council has kindly supplied the following information.

The Food and Drugs Act, 1955

ALDRIDGE - BROWNHILLS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Details of samples procured during 1969	
After Dinner Mints	Dried Golden Peas
	Devonshire Rolls
Beef Sausage(containing preservative)3	Dried Potato
Butter (13)	
Beef Steak in Gravy	Fish Fingers (2)
Beef Steak in Gravy	Full Fat Soft Cheese with Paprika
Butter Marie Biscuits	Faggots in Rich Sauce
Borax and Honey B.P.C.	Filled Wafers
Bilberry Pie with Apple	
Beef Sausage with Pork (containing pres)	Ground Almonds (2)
Beef Burgers with Onion (containing pres)	Golden Plums in Syrup
Butter (Danish)	Gin (10)
Butter Cake (3)	Ginger Cordial
Beef Steak Pie with Kidney	Garden Peas (2)
Beef Gravy with Meat Balls	Grill Sauce
Bierwurst	
Bacon Steaks	Honey Roasted Ham
	Haddock in Bread Crumbs
Casserole Meat with Gravy	
Crinkle Cut Chips (Frozen)	Irish Stew
Cheese and Parsley Toasty Grill	
Chicken Fry Flavour Potato Crisps	Jaffa Orange Drink
Compound Cooking Fat	
Coffee and Chicory Mixture	Krusehen Salts
Creamed Rice Milk Pudding	
Cooling Powders	Lard (7)
Chopped Virginia Ham	Loganberries in Syrup
Chocolate Butter Creams	Lemon and Honey Drink
Crystal Fruit Drops (containing glueose)	Lime Flavoured Cordial
Compound Fat (2)	Lemon and Lime Drink
Cotto Salami	Liquorice and Blackcurrant Sweets
Caramel Flavour Dessert	Low Calorie Cordial Lime Flavour
Cheddar Cheese	Low Fat Spread
Cod Fillets	Low Fat Soft Cheese
Caramel and Biscuit	Lemonade Shandy
Cultured Butter Milk	
Corned Beef	Margarine (6)
Crispy Cod Fries	Mixed Vegetables
Currants	Mushroom Soup
Christmas Pudding	Maple Walnut Ice Cream (American)
Custard	Margarine containing 10% Butter
Chicken Quarters in Sauce with Dumplings	Mandarin Orange Drink
	Mint Imperials
Desiccated Coconut	Milk Cookies
Dried Peas with Steeping Tab	Marzipan
Dark Brown Sugar	Meat Curry with Seasoning

New Potatoes (2)	Strawberries in Syrup
New Margarine	Stewed Steak (2)
New Sweeter Lemon Juice	Sardine and Tomato Toasty Grill
New Raspberry Jam	Special Salami
	Stilton Cheese
Outline Low Fat Spread	Salted Peanuts
Orange Flavoured Chocolate Biscuits	Somerset Soft Cheese
	Salmon Spread with Butter (2)
Pineapple Cubes in Syrup	Strawberry Mousse
Pork Sausages (containing preservative) (7)	Sheperds Pie
Pigs Liver (9)	Stewed Apple
Porridge Oats	Steak Mince
Puffa Puffa Rice	Sterilised Cream
Pork Luncheon Meat	
Pork Loin	Tea (4)
Prawn Curry with Rice	Tomato Ketchup
Pilchards in Tomato Sauce	Tomato Piquant
Pork Pie (3)	Tomato Sauce (2)
Processed Peas	Toffee Chewits
Pease Pudding	Toffee Buttons
Pork and Ham Sausages	Tea (Tips)
Prunes in Syrup	Tomatoes in Juice
Round Grain Rice	Vegetable Oil Shortening
Raspberry Filling	Vinegar
Raspberry Jam	Vinegar with Caramel
Rhubarb in Syrup	Vodka (6)
Red Cabbage	
Raspberry Seedless	Washed Currants
Ready Dessert	Whole Orange Drink
Rice	Whole Kernel Corn
Rum (5)	Welsh Salted Butter
	Whole Carrots
Salad Cream	Whisky (11)
Stewed Steak in Rich Gravy	
Sliced Green Beans (Frozen)	Yeast Vite Tablet
Steak and Kidney Pie	Yorkshire Pudding (2)
Spaghetti with Tomato and Cheese Sauce	
	Zinc and Castor Oil B. P.

Particulars of adulterated samples

<u>24 B/M Stewed Steak with Rich Gravy</u>	Further samples to be taken at a later date
7.5% Deficient of meat	
<u>51 B/M Fish Fingers</u>	Samples taken at the request of the Public
Fish content 60.6% instead of 65%	Analyst for comparison
<u>52 M Fish Fingers</u>	—do—
Fish content 60.6% instead of 65%	
<u>56 B/N Salmon Spread with Butter</u>	Investigations proceeding
26.7% Deficiency of Butter Fat content	
<u>75 B/N Borax and Honey B.P.</u>	Stock withdrawn from sale
Honey of Borax was deleted from B.P.C. in 1963	
<u>10 B/R Chopped Virginia Ham</u>	Investigations proceeding
7.7% Deficiency of meat	
<u>23 B/R Irish Stew</u>	
Label infers that meat is the major ingredient	
Should contain 35.0% of meat	Investigations proceeding
<u>18 B/R Sheperds Pie</u>	Investigations proceeding
Misleading Label	
<u>45 B/R Pork Sausage Containing Preservative</u>	
4.9% Deficient of meat	Explanation accepted
<u>52 B/N Butter Cake</u>	Labels to be amended
Sample contains 12.0% of Butter instead of 50.0% declared	
<u>76 B/B Butter Cake</u>	Labels to be amended
Following 52 B/N	

UNSOUND FOODS

The following foods were inspected and found unfit for human consupotion :

	Tons	Cwts	Lbs
Cooked Meats & Meat Products	1	10	68
Canned Meats	7	9	80
Other canned foods	22	3	107
Fish (Fresh)		4	2
Other Foods	12	13	96
	<u>46</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>77</u>

PASTEURISED MILK

	Total	Methylene Blue Test Satis	Unsatis	Phosphatase Test Satis	Unsatis
Schools	26	26	—	26	—
School Canteens	11	11	—	11	—
Hospitals, Homes etc.	3	3	—	3	—
	<u>40</u>	<u>40</u>	—	<u>40</u>	—

CARCASE AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR PART

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number Killed	1,417	32	6,155	4,742
Number Inspected	1,417	32	6,155	4,742
All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci				
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	2	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	265	2	258	465
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis	18.6%	6.3%	4.1%	9.8%
Tuberculosis only				
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	18
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	—	—	—	0.38%
Cysticercosis				
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—
Generalised and Totally condemned	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected and affected with cysticercosis	—	—	—	—

Weight of meat and offal condemned: 3 tons 1 cwt. 88 lbs.

Domestic Smoke Control

Further progress was made during the year to increase the number of domestic premises covered by smoke control orders in the district

During the year the two smoke control orders awaiting confirmation at the end of 1968 were confirmed by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

The Aldridge - Brownhills Number 29 Smoke Control Order, for Heath End, Pelsall, came into operation on the 1st October, 1969, and effectively joined two of the existing smoke control areas, Aldridge Number 7 Smoke Control Order and the Aldridge Number 21 Smoke Control Order form a continuous area.

On the 1st November, 1969, the Aldridge - Brownhills Number 28 Smoke Control Order came into operation and extended the large portion of Streetly already included in various Smoke Control Orders to the boundary of Sutton Park.

To complete the smoke control programme for Streetly a further Smoke Control Order the Aldridge - Brownhills Number 32 Smoke Control Order was prepared and submitted to the Council. This area is bound as follows: Foley Road East; Chester Road; Little Hardwick Road; Erdington Road; Little Aston Road and the district boundary back to Foley Road East: the area contains some 770 premises.

This Order was duly submitted for confirmation to and confirmed by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government and will become effective from the 1st September, 1970.

Since the Aldridge - Brownhills Numbers 32 Smoke Control Order completes the present smoke control programme in Streetly, a further programme for the next five years was proposed to extend the existing smoke control orders in Aldridge and Pelsall.

With this programme in mind it was a bitter blow to be informed during the latter part of the year, by representatives of the National Coal Board that supplies of solid smokeless fuel would be in short supply during the next 18 months.

The political bickering between the various fuel undertakings as to who was at fault did not help matters.

Since this is not the first occasion that the supplies of solid smokeless fuel have caused concern to the promoters of Clean Air, it is to be hoped that in future better communications will be achieved between the parties concerned to ensure a continuous supply of suitable fuels for the consumer and reduce the amount of debate.

By the 31st December 1969, individual Smoke Control Areas were gradually being grouped into larger composite areas in the following manner

Streetly and Pheasey

	<u>Area</u>	<u>Premises</u>	<u>Size in Acres</u>
S. C. O. Number	1	3,400	350
	3	850	89
	8	20	3
	9	360	60
	22	475	83
	24	470	67
	26	240	22
	27A	550	889
	28	800	203
		<u>7,165</u>	<u>1,766</u>

Aldridge (Coppo Hall)

	<u>Area</u>	<u>Premises</u>	<u>Size in Acres</u>
S. C. O. Number	2	133	16
	13	82	18
	23	300	180
	25	70	10
		585	224
Pelsall (Heath End)			
S. C. O. Number	7	200	16
	21	120	24
	29	200	77
		520	117

These three groupings account for more than 80% of the existing smoke control programme which at present stands as follows :

Number of Smoke Control Orders in operation	31.12.69	29	
Estimated number of dwellings in S.C.O.	31.12.69	10,580	39% dwelling houses
Acreage covered		2,429	18.3% of the district
Smoke Control Area confirmed	31.12.69		
Smoke Control Order Number	32		
Estimated number of dwellings		732	
Acreage covered		866	

Industrial Smoke Control

No action was necessary under the Dark Smoke Permitted Period Regulations of the Clean Air Act, 1956. Informal action was taken with regard to one company that caused some concern but most firms have automatic firing apparatus which prevent smoke emissions

New equipment installed was mainly restricted to small heating plant. One item of note however, was the proposed installation of 8 oil fired boilers at a local hospital.

Metalurgical Works and Brick Works

The smoke from local brickworks is now almost a thing of the past since by the end of the year only two companies were still producing bricks and only one was still having to use the old methods. This compares with four companies in production some two years ago all using a smoke producing reducing atmosphere to produce their products.

It is expected that this improvement will continue in the coming months

The metalurgical companies under the control of the Alkali Inspector continued to be a source of complaint from time to time. Although the nuisances have diminished slightly over several years with the reduction of the smoke emission, the problems regarding the fume emission are still present.

There is still much room for improvement in this sphere.

DEPOSIT GAUGES – RECORDS OF DEPOSITS 1969

Milligrams per square metre per day

<u>Month</u>	<u>Brownhills</u>	<u>Shelfield</u>
January	326	131
February	211	251
March	183	182
April	105	104
May	226	110
June	383	278
July	184	208
August	111	105
September	61	60
October	111	91
November	128	185
December	214	269
TOTALS	<u>2,243</u>	<u>1,974</u>

LEAD PEROXIDE GAUGES – RECORDS OF
SULPHUR POLLUTION
WEIGHT OF SULPHUR TRIOXIDE COLLECTED IN
MILLIGRAMS PER 100 SQUARE CM. PER DAY

<u>Month</u>	<u>Brownhills</u>	<u>Shelfield</u>
January	2.19	1.88
February	1.50	3.30
March	2.20	1.10
April	1.70	0.90
May	1.30	0.70
June	1.10	0.40
July	0.80	0.35
August	0.80	0.30
September	1.40	0.60
October	1.60	0.80
November	2.60	1.20
December	2.50	1.10
TOTALS	<u>19.69</u>	<u>12.63</u>

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS MADE DURING THE YEAR 1969

Atmospheric Pollution – Industrial	51
Atmospheric Pollution – Trade	49
Combustion Plant	8
Smoke Control Areas	2,126
Bonfires	57
Food Premises	882
Mobile Food Shops & Delivery Vehicles	52
Slaughterhouse Inspection	8
Meat Inspection	644
Unsound food – condemnations	278
Unsound food – complaints	42
Housing Inspections – Housing Acts	105
Housing Inspections – Public Health Acts	471
Clearance Areas	62
Demolitions	422
Overcrowding	2
Infectious Disease Enquiries	278
Welfare Cases	6
Rodent Control	69
Insect Control	71
Verminous or Dirty Premises	39
Disinfections and Disinfestations	23
Sampling – Water	10
Sampling – Faecal or Urine	278
Refuse – Trade	94
Refuse – Domestic	32
Refuse – Tips	39
Refuse – Accumulations	134
Refuse – Unauthorised Tipping	170
Noise Nuisances	107
Smell Nuisances	91
Keeping of Animals	114
Drainage	572
Brook Course Pollution	17
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises	743
Factory Inspections (with power)	39
Factory Inspections (without power)	77
Moveable Dwellings	41
Petroleum Storage	187
Theatre & Cinema Licences	6
Riding Establishments	5
Pet Animal & Animal Boarding Establishment	6
Miscellaneous	178
TOTAL	<u>8,685</u>

THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

(a) Registrations and General Inspections

<u>Class of Premises</u>	<u>Number of Premises Registered during the year</u>	<u>No. of Registered Premises at the end of year</u>	<u>No. of Registered Premises receiving a General Inspection during the year</u>
Offices	5	97	37
Retail Shops	32	338	217
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	—	9	6
Catering establishments open to the public, Canteens	5	48	29
Fuel Storage Depots	1	2	2
	<u>43</u>	<u>494</u>	<u>291</u>
TOTAL NUMBER OF VISITS UNDERTAKEN DURING THE YEAR			743

(b) Contraventions

A somewhat higher level of visiting was undertaken this year and this reflects in the greater number of contraventions found.

ANALYSIS OF CONTRAVENTIONS

<u>Section</u>		
4	Cleanliness	61
6	Temperature	24
7	Ventilation	29
8	Lighting	42
9	Sanitary Conveniences	52
10	Washing facilities	29
12	Clothing accommodation	22
13	Sitting facilities	8
15	Eating facilities	2
16	Floors, passage and stairs	18
24	First Aid	98
	Other matters	245
	TOTAL	<u>630</u>

(c) Accidents

Three accidents were reported during the year. All were thoroughly investigated and were of a minor nature. No formal action was found to be necessary.

COMPLAINTS

Complaints received and dealt with:

Drainage, Disrepair and Nuisances	290
Defective Dustbins	248
Rats, mice and other infestations	765
House and Trade Refuse Service:	
(a) General	508
(b) Excess refuse for removal	796
	2,607

DISREPAIR NOTICES DEALT WITH DURING THE YEAR 1969

	Notices Served	Notices Completed
Informal	35	28
Formal	30	22
	<u>65</u>	<u>50</u>

SANITARY INSPECTION – PAUL CLOSETS

The number of paul closets in the district is 9. It is anticipated that the figure will decrease due to the demolition of unfit properties

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

Applications received and granted for a licence to keep a Pet Shop 3

RIDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1964

Applications received and granted for a licence under the above Act 4

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT ACT, 1963

Applications received and granted for a licence under the above Act 3

RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION WORK

Premises Inspected

(To confirm infestation or otherwise)

	<u>Totals</u>	<u>Found</u>	<u>Found</u>	<u>No. of Visits</u>
	<u>Inspected</u>	<u>Infested</u>	<u>non-infested</u>	<u>Made</u>
Dwelling houses (including				
Council houses)	188	188	—	1,316
Business Premises	40	40	—	191
Council Premises	15	15	—	183
Agricultural Premises	2	2	—	23
	<u>245</u>	<u>245</u>	—	<u>1,713</u>

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936, SECTION 75 (1)

Number of Statutory Notices served	30
Number of Informal Notices served	218
	<u>248</u>

PUBLIC CLEANSING

(This section of the report relates to the year commencing 1st April, 1969 and terminating 31st March, 1970)

Staff:

Cleansing Foreman	2
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Male Employees:

Refuse Collection	49
Refuse Disposal	2

Vehicles:

<u>Registration No.</u>	<u>Vehicle</u>	<u>Year</u>
6201 RF	S & D Fore and Aft Tipper	1960
379 CBF	S & D Pakamatic	1962
245 KBF	S & D Pakamatic	1963
ORF 263B	Eagle Crushload	1964
LBF 663D	Automatic Loader	1966
BRF 360E	S & D Pakamatic	1967
RBF 940	Dennis Paxit III	1961
LRE 236B	Side Loader	1964
EBF 910C	Dennis Paxit IIIA	1965
CUR 80F	S & D Pakamatic	1968
ORE 713F	Crushloader	1968
WRF 402G	Dennis Paxit Major IIIC	1969

2 Bristol Taurus Tractors

COST STATEMENT TO THE 31st MARCH, 1970

COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF HOUSE AND TRADE REFUSE

<u>Particulars</u>	<u>Collection</u>	<u>Disposal</u>	<u>Total</u>
	£	£	£
REVENUE ACCOUNT			
GROSS EXPENDITURE			
Labour	60,042	1,221	61,263
Transport	26,429	3,743	30,172
Other Items	4,225	1,495	5,720
TOTAL GROSS EXPENDITURE	<u>90,696</u>	<u>6,459</u>	<u>97,155</u>
GROSS INCOME	3,703	1,049	4,752
NET COST	<u>86,993</u>	<u>5,410</u>	<u>92,403</u>

